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**Three Characteristics of** **Mediative Questioning:**

1. **Invitational**
   * approachable voice
   * plural forms
     + “What are some reasons for…?”
     + “What strategies are you…?”
   * tentative language
     + “What might be your thoughts about…?”
     + “What are some of the possibilities…?”
     + “What are your hunches about…?”
   * positive presuppositions
     + “What might be your indicators of success?”
     + “What strategies have been successful in the past?”
   * open ended
     + Begin your question with an interrogative, not a verb.
     + “What is your thinking about…?” vs “Have you thought about…?”
2. **Engage specific cognitive operations**

* Input: recall, define, describe, identify, name, list
* Process: compare, infer, analyze, sequence, synthesize, summarize
* Output: predict, evaluate, speculate, imagine, envision, hypothesize

1. **Are intentional**

**Two of the intentions a question might have are to:**

* Explore thinking
* Specify thinking